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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 ELIZABETH TAYLOR,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 PREMIER PORTFOLIO GROUP, *et al.*,

13 Defendants.
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Case No. C18-236RSL

ORDER GRANTING
MOTION FOR DISCOVERY
PRIOR TO RULE 26(F)
CONFERENCE

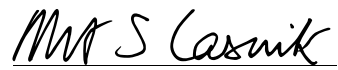
15 This matter comes before the Court on “Plaintiff’s Ex Parte Motion for Leave to Engage
16 in Discovery Prior to Rule 26(f) Conference.” Dkt. # 3. In this action under the Fair Debt
17 Collection Practices Act (“FDCPA”), 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.*, plaintiff alleges that defendant
18 Premier Portfolio Group (“Premier”) made a number of debt-collection contacts with plaintiff in
19 violation of the FDCPA. Plaintiff has only uncovered that Premier appears to be located
20 somewhere in New York State with an address listed as a Niagara, NY post office box. Plaintiff
21 seeks preliminary discovery to ascertain details about Premier’s ownership, the identities of the
22 company’s owners and operators, and an address at which to effect service on them.

23 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26 provides that a party “may not seek discovery from
24 any source” prior to a Rule 26(f) conference except in limited circumstances, including by order
25 of the Court. Fed. R Civ. P. 26(d)(1). Given plaintiff’s unsuccessful attempts to obtain more
26 information about this case’s defendants, the Court finds good cause for allowing plaintiff
27 limited preliminary discovery.
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1 For the foregoing reasons, the motion, Dkt. # 3, is GRANTED. Plaintiff may issue
2 subpoenas on the relevant internet service providers or website hosts seeking information that
3 would yield details about Premier's ownership, the identities of the company's owners and
4 operators, and addresses for effecting service.

5 DATED this 12th day of April, 2018.
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9 Robert S. Lasnik
10 United States District Judge
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